

Augusta Rotary Minutes

October 28, 2024

President Surendra Gupta rang the bell and called the meeting to order.

Neal Dickert gave the pledge and invocation.

Brenda Durant gave the Sunshine Report.

Bill Franke introduced the guests and visiting Rotarians.

Announcements

The Annual Signature Fund Raising Event was announced by **DeJeneiro Pierce** and **Dr. Mac Bowmen**. Fund raising will benefit Gap Ministries.

District Disaster Relief Grants are available for a \$2500 grant to provide food, water and hygienic items to those impacted by Hurricane Helene.

October 30 to November 5th is World Interact Week.

Rotary International is hosting “Healing in a Divided World” in Istanbul, Türkiye on February 20-22, 2025.

GRSP Update

No report this week.

CART: **Edmund Booth, Jr.** was the inside challenger this week. **President Surendra** asked everyone to please continue to contribute to the blue buckets on the table or online at mycartfund.org using the same login credentials you use with DACDB. Also, please complete our club’s Google form to sign up to be a Cart Challenger.

Upcoming Speakers

November 4 – Glenn Fink will speak on CHATGPT and Generative AI.

November 11 – No meeting on Veterans Day

November 18 – Daniel Rodgers will speak about Scouting.

November 25 - No meeting on Thanksgiving.

College Pick'em

Billy Franke reminded the club that the weekly email was sent out just prior to the meeting and if you did not receive it, please contact Ashlee Duren or Stacy Tallent using their contact info in DaCdb.

Week 9 was won by Kevin Grogan.

Guest Speaker/Program

Naomi Stanton was our guest speaker today. Naomi is the Executive Director of Gap Ministries, Augusta GA. She discussed her mission and the function of GAP Ministries. They are open on Thursdays and our located at the Greene Street Mission Center. The ministry provides help to the homeless and working-class poor. They fill the “gap” between need and want. Some of the services provided are help with obtaining birth certificates, driver licenses, providing adult incontinence items, diapers and baby wipes for \$1, a choice food pantry, and prescription medication. Additionally, the ministry has storage bins and a laundry room available.

President Surendra led us in reciting the four-way test and then adjourned the meeting.